

STATE OF ALASKA

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

Before Commissioners:

Keith Kurber II, Chairman
 Robert A. Doyle
 John Espindola
 Robert M. Pickett
 Janis W. Wilson

In the Matter of the Joint Petition Filed by)
 the ALASKA EXCHANGE CARRIERS)
 ASSOCIATION, INC., ALASCOM, INC.,)
 d/b/a AT&T ALASKA, and GENERAL)
 COMMUNICATION CORP., d/b/a)
 GENERAL COMMUNICATION, INC., and)
 GCI for Approval of Stipulation Regarding)
 Intrastate Access Charge Rates and Waiver)
 of Manual Provisions)
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U-23-001

**ALASKA INTRASTATE INTEREXCHANGE ACCESS
CHARGE COMPLIANCE FILING FOR 2024**

Alaska Exchange Carriers Association, Inc. (AECA), through its counsel, Brena, Bell & Walker, P.C., pursuant to Order 2 issued in this docket,¹ hereby makes the compliance filing contemplated by the Stipulation Regarding Access Charges (“Stipulation”)² accepted by Order 2.³ Specifically, AECA provides the following-described documents and information:

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¹ Order Accepting Stipulation, Granting Requests for Waiver, Waiving Requirements, Approving Tariff Sheets, Requiring Filing, and Redesignating Commission Panel, Order U-23-001(2), June 30, 2023 (Order 2).

² Stipulation Regarding 2023 and 2024 Access Charges, ¶ 4.a, at 11.

³ Order 2 at 9.

1. AECA's annual budget for the calendar year 2024, attached hereto as Attachment 1;

2. Calculations in the form of Exhibit C, page 1, to the Stipulation, with the portions of that Exhibit related to "Revenue Requirement AECA Administration" completed using AECA's calendar year 2024 information, attached hereto as Attachment 2, page 1; and

3. Calculations in the form of Exhibit C, Schedule IV, to the Stipulation, utilizing AECA's calendar year 2024 information, as well as information relative to other sources of revenue anticipated by AECA for 2024, attached hereto as Attachment 2, page 2.


In accordance with the foregoing, AECA has calculated the 2024 access charge rate per unit (to be effective from the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025), to be .13 percent lower than the 2023 access charge rate per unit presently in effect.⁴ Therefore, the decrease from 2023 to 2024 access charge rate per unit does not exceed the stipulated threshold of an increase of 0.5 percent, and in accordance with the Stipulation, "shall be considered a compliance filing establishing 2024 Access Charges."⁵

⁴ See Attachment 2 at 1 (last line marked "% Change").

⁵ Stipulation at 11-12. Such established 2024 access charges are subject to further revision in accordance with the Stipulation, ¶ 4.c, at 12-13.

DATED this 13th day of October, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 13, 2023, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document by electronic means as authorized by the Commission upon the following:

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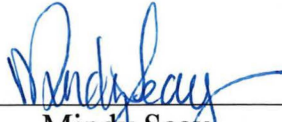
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Attachment 1

AECA's annual budget for the calendar year 2024

2024
AECA REVENUE REQUIREMENT
DOCKET U-23-001, October 2023

KRB EXHIBIT -1

ACCOUNT	BUDGET 2024	BUDGET 2023	(OVER) UNDER	% Change	EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATE
Salaries	\$ 234,434	\$ 247,518	\$ 13,084	-5.29%	Actual labor with merit raises budgeted on anniversary dates, one-time 6.725% CPI adjustment was paid for 2022 in 2023, no CPI adjustment in 2024.
Payroll Tax	19,411	20,364	\$ 953	-4.68%	Unit Increase in Base ESO, FICA, MED
Med Ins/Pension	88,132	83,053	\$ (5,079)	6.12%	SEP-12% Medical at monthly rate of average \$1,667 Per EE, actual coverage is based on tiered percent coverage. Increase is due to an estimated insurance election for previous vacancy in the 2023 budget.
Temporary Services	1,183	1,183	\$ -	0.00%	Clerical Support, 40 hrs @ \$29hr.
Rent	25,991	33,633	\$ 7,642	-22.72%	Rate 01/01/24-02/01/24 is @2.56 sq. ft per lease and lease will end August 2024. Office will transition to remote and budget includes the estimated expense for a flex office or conference room rental. Storage unit contract expired in 3/2022 and includes estimated 5% increase.
Workshops and Seminars	1,642	1,868	\$ 226	-12.08%	Annual CABS Workshop estimate using 2022 actual amounts. 2023 workshop will be held virtually.
Education and Professional Development	2,000	2,000	\$ -	0.00%	Professional Development and Training.
Travel	9,588	8,953	\$ (635)	7.10%	Includes Travel Expense for Annual Meeting in Sitka, EE mileage and for 2 EE to attend the ATA Conference, ED to attend ATA Winter Conference.
Office Supplies	999	690	\$ (309)	44.79%	Annualized actual for most recent 12 months Plus 2% Inc. Increase due to purchase of desk and check stock.
Publication/Software	3,472	2,018	\$ (1,454)	72.05%	Upgrade software applications. Increase due to QuickBooks annual subscription increases and cloud storage.
Telephone/Internet	5,472	4,713	\$ (759)	16.11%	Annualized actual 2023 rates, plus 2% increase. Increase due to internet expense moved from Equipment Maintenance budget line item.
Postage/Courier	410	447	\$ 37	-8.29%	Actual 2023 annualized postage expenses, plus a 2% increase in postage and contingency. Includes post office box rental for August through December. Decrease due to discontinuance of postage subscription service.
Misc Exp	1,323	1,529	\$ 206	-13.50%	Includes cost to host the annual meeting, NTCA membership fee for EE benefits and business license.
Equipment Maintenance	17,253	18,449	\$ 1,196	-6.48%	Present contracts with equipment and computer services support. Decrease due to internet expense moved to telephone budget line item.
Insurance/GL	7,248	9,815	\$ 2,569	-24.64%	Actual 2023/2024 Premiums plus a 5% increase. Decrease due to restructuring of insurance policy.
Audit	21,000	18,650	\$ (2,350)	12.60%	Financial audit of the assoc & prop. of tax forms. The review of the Dist account is not being completed in 2024 for 2023. The account will be reviewed in 2025.
Legal	21,000	20,000	\$ (1,000)	5.00%	Legal fees projection based on average services, legal monitoring, access charge stipulation and one access charge proceeding.*
Bank Fees	730	1,160	\$ 430	-37.07%	Bank fees per monthly estimate from new bank.
Notices/Adv	2,724	2,469	\$ (255)	10.33%	Legal notice for 39 meetings plus 2% increase, 2 major tariff filings and 4 other miscellaneous advertisements.
Equipment Purchases	2,793	620	\$ (2,174)	350.85%	Includes the purchase of a new laptop and printer.
G/A SUBTOTAL	\$ 466,803	\$ 478,930	\$ 12,128	-2.53%	
Directors Expense	-	-	\$ -	0.00%	Assumes out of town members will attend all meetings via teleconference.
Committee Expense	-	-	\$ -	0.00%	Assumes out of town members will attend all meetings via teleconference.
SUBTOTAL	-	-	\$ -	0	
Adjustment for Estimated Interest Income	(\$9,000)	-	\$ (9,000)	N/A	Projected interest on CD investments. Previously not included in budget calculation.
Total Budget	\$ 457,803	\$ 478,930	\$ 21,127	-4.41%	* LEGAL SPLIT: AO-25%, AP-75%
% INCREASE (DECREASE)	-4.41%				
Reimbursement from Contract Services					
AUSAC 2024 From TA 42-998	(60,000)				From 2024 filed AUSAC budget
AUSAC 2023 From TA 40-998		(62,000)			From 2023 filed AUSAC budget
Sub-Total Budget After Reimbursement	397,803	416,930			
Non Pool Companies - 2024	(138,659)				2024 Projection
Non Pool Companies - 2024 Direct Assigned MPL Insurance	(1,533)				MPL is directly billed to the NonPooling Companies
Non Pool Companies - 2023		(145,322)			2023
Non Pool Companies - 2023 Direct Assigned MPL Insurance		(1,729)			MPL is directly billed to the NonPooling Companies
Sub-Total Non Pool Companies	(140,292)	(147,047)			
TOTAL BUDGET AFTER CONTRACT REIMBURSEMENTS	\$ 257,511	\$ 269,883			
% INCREASE (DECREASE)	-4.58%				

Attachment 2

Calculations

Alaska Exchange Carriers Association
Exhibit C - 2024 Stipulated Rates
10/13/2023

Revenue Requirements: Orders U-08-082(5) and 085(5), U-09-081(6), U-09-082 (5), 083(5), 085-88(5) and U-10-062(5) and 063(5).				Total Orig Incl Toll Free		Orig Non-Toll Free		Orig Toll Free 7/1/2021 These rates are no longer calculated through the access charge process per FCC 51.909(n)(2)		07/01/2013 These rates are not applicable						
POOLED RATE COMPUTATION SUMMARY				CCL	Total LOCAL SWITCHING	Total INFORMATION SURCHARGE	ORIG LOCAL SWITCHING (48.60% of Total)	ORIG INFORMATION SURCHARGE (46.90% of Total)	ORIG Non-Toll Free LOCAL SWITCHING (66.39% of Total Orig)	ORIG Non-Toll Free INFORMATION SURCHARGE (66.39% of Total Orig)	ORIG Toll Free LOCAL SWITCHING (33.61% of Total Orig)	ORIG Toll Free INFORMATION SURCHARGE (33.61% of Total Orig)	TERM LOCAL SWITCHING (51.20% of Total)	TERM INFORMATION SURCHARGE (51.20% of Total)	TOTAL DEDICATED TRANSPORT	TOTAL POOL REV REQUIREMENT
Cost Company Revenue Requirement Including DEM (Schedule II)				\$5,996,409	\$3,068,076	\$44,502	\$1,492,341	\$21,717	\$990,765	\$14,418	\$501,576	\$7,299	\$1,565,735	\$22,785	\$1,273,019	\$10,372,006
% Distribution				57.8133%	29.4839%	0.4291%								12.2731%	100.0000%	
Weighted DEM Support (Schedule III)																
Summt (CCL DEM adjustment refer to filed Part 69)				\$4,446	(\$30,463)	\$0	(\$14,866)	\$0	(\$9,870)	\$0	(\$4,996)	\$0	(\$15,597)	\$0	\$13,152	(\$12,866)
United KUC				\$0	(\$297,107)	\$0	(\$144,968)	\$0	(\$96,256)	\$0	(\$48,730)	\$0	(\$152,119)	\$0	\$0	(\$297,107)
United Utilities				\$0	(\$1,039,141)	\$0	(\$507,101)	\$0	(\$336,664)	\$0	(\$170,437)	\$0	(\$532,040)	\$0	\$0	(\$1,039,141)
Subtotal Weighted DEM Support Removed From Access				\$4,446	(\$1,366,711)	\$0	(\$666,955)	\$0	(\$442,792)	\$0	(\$224,163)	\$0	(\$699,756)	\$0	\$13,152	(\$1,349,113)
Cost Company Revenue Requirement Excluding DEM (Schedule I)				\$8,000,856	\$1,691,365	\$44,502	\$825,386	\$21,717	\$547,973	\$14,418	\$277,413	\$7,299	\$865,979	\$22,785	\$1,286,171	\$9,022,893
% Distribution				66.5070%	18.7452%	0.4932%								14.2546%	100.0000%	
Average Schedule Companies Allocated Rev. Req.				\$106,186	\$29,929	\$787	\$14,605	\$384	\$9,696	\$255	\$4,909	\$129	\$15,324	\$403	\$22,780	\$199,662
Subtotal Cost & Avg. Sch.				\$6,107,041	\$1,721,294	\$45,289	\$839,991	\$22,101	\$567,669	\$14,673	\$282,322	\$7,428	\$881,303	\$23,188	\$1,308,931	\$9,182,555
% Distribution				66.5070%	18.7453%	0.4932%								14.2545%	100.0000%	
Revenue Requirement AECA Administration (Schedule IV)				\$264,567	\$74,569	\$1,962	\$36,390	\$957	\$24,159	\$635	\$12,231	\$322	\$38,179	\$1,005	\$56,704	\$397,802
Reduce by Estimated Rev. Requirement Collection from Non Pooling LECs				(\$93,307)	(\$26,299)	(\$692)	(\$12,834)	(\$338)	(\$6,520)	(\$224)	(\$4,314)	(\$114)	(\$13,465)	(\$354)	(\$19,998)	(\$140,296)
Subtotal Revenue Requirement AECA Administration (Less Collections)				\$171,260	\$48,270	\$1,270	\$23,556	\$619	\$15,639	\$411	\$7,917	\$208	\$24,714	\$651	\$36,706	\$257,506
Subtotal Pooled Revenue Requirement				\$6,278,301	\$1,769,564	\$46,559	\$863,547	\$22,720	\$573,308	\$15,084	\$290,239	\$7,636	\$906,017	\$23,839	\$1,345,637	\$9,440,061
Total Pooled Revenue Requirements				\$6,278,301	\$1,769,564	\$46,559	\$863,547	\$22,720	\$573,308	\$15,084	\$290,239	\$7,636	\$906,017	\$23,839	\$1,345,637	\$9,440,061
% Distribution				66.5070%	18.7452%	0.4932%	9.1477%	0.2407%	6.0731%	0.1598%	3.0745%	0.0809%	9.5916%	0.2525%	14.2546%	100.0000%
FILED DEMAND				Months		Total LS Minutes	Orig LS Minutes	Orig Per 100 Minutes	Orig Non-Toll Free LS Minutes	Orig Non-Toll Free Per 100 Minutes	Orig Per 100 Minutes	Orig Per 100 Minutes	Term Per 100 Minutes	Term Per 100 Minutes	Total Dedicated Trunks	
Actual Demand Period: December 20, 2011 through December 19, 2012 (Stipulated in 2018)				12		47,089,795	22,979,903	229,799	15,256,358	152,564	7,723,545	77,235	24,109,852	241,099	N/A	
Percent OT Access Minutes Used to Divide LSW Rev. Req.							48.8000%		66.3900%		33.6100%		51.2000%			
Estimated Rate Calculation				CCL			Orig Local Switching	Orig Info Surcharge	Orig Non-Toll Free Local Switching	Orig Non-Toll Free Info Surcharge	Composite Originating Toll Free		Term Local Switching	Term Info Surcharge		
Estimated 2024 Rate per Unit*				\$523,192			N/A		\$0.037578	\$0.098870	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	
2023 Rate per Unit July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (U-23-001)				\$523,878			N/A		\$0.037628	\$0.099001	N/A		N/A	N/A		
Estimated Change in rates for 2024				(\$686)					(\$0.000050)	(\$0.000131)						
% Change									-0.13%	-0.13%						

*Per FCC 20-143 51.909(o)(1), Effective 7/1/2023 Originating Toll Free intrastate rates are to be removed in accordance with bill-and-keep methodology. These rates are no longer calculated through the intrastate access charge calculation process.

Alaska Exchange Carriers Association
Exhibit C - 2024 Stipulated Rates
SCHEDULE IV
Revenue Requirement AECA Administration

Per Order U06-136(16)/U-07-52(10)/U-07-100(8)/U-07-150(6)/U-08-32(5)/U-08-41(3)/U-08-43(3)/
U-08-44(6)/U-08-4 and U-06-114

# of Companies	COMPANY NAME	TOTAL	
Pooling Companies			
1	AEE - ADAK		
2	ATC		
3	Bettles		
4	BBTC		
5	Bush-Tell		
6	Circle		
7	North Country		
8	Nushagak		
9	OTZ		
10	Summit		
11	United KUC		
12	United Utilities		
13	Yukon		
Total # of Pooling Companies		13	
Non-Pooling Companies			
14	ASTAC		
15	CVTC		
16	Cordova		
17	Interior - TelAlaska		
18	KPU		
19	MTA		
20	Mukluk-TelAlaska		
Total # of Non-Pooling Companies		7	
Total # of Companies Sharing AECA's Administrative Cost		(A)	20
AECA's Total Approved Revenue Requirement		(B)	\$ 457,803
Less: Estimated Reimbursement from Contract Services - AUSAC - TA-42-998		(C)	(60,000)
Less: Non Pooling Direct Assigned MPL Insurance		(D)	(1,633)
Total Revenue Requirement Less AUSAC Administrative Fee & NP DA = (E=B+C+D)		(E)	\$ 396,170
Total Revenue Requirement to be Recovered per Company = (F=E/A)		(F)	\$ 19,809
Estimated Revenue Requirement Collection from Non Pooling LECs = (G=F*7)		(G)	(138,663)
Total Estimated Revenue Requirement Collection from Non Pooling LECs = (H=D+G)		(H)	(140,296)
Net Revenue Requirement AECA Administration = (I=B+C+H)		(I)	\$ 257,507